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**SUPPL**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280**

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose a copy of the following Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") release, lodged with the ASX on:

- 31 March 2006:
  - Resolution of Mauritanian Dispute

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9214 2728) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully  
WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Sims'.

Rebecca Sims  
Compliance Officer

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**RESOLUTION OF MAURITANIAN DISPUTE**

Woodside Petroleum Ltd. advises that it has resolved a dispute with the Mauritanian Government over amendments to four offshore production contracts operated by the company's wholly-owned subsidiary Woodside Mauritania Pty Ltd.

Woodside and the Mauritanian Government have reached an agreement in principle to settle the dispute without the need for formal arbitration.

Woodside Chief Executive Don Voelte said the agreement laid the foundation for good relations between the company and the Mauritanian Government.

"The Mauritanian Government has worked constructively with Woodside to resolve differences between the parties," he said.

"We are happy with this agreement and look forward to building a productive and cooperative relationship with the Mauritanian Government."